Political Prisoners.

195. MISS ANNIE MASCARENE (*Trivandrum I—Latin Catholic*): Will the Honourable Minister for Law and Order be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the number of political prisoners in Central Prison and lock-ups today;

(*b*) how many of them are detained without trial and conviction; and

(*c*) does the Government deem it necessary to continue their detention?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: (*a*) There are no prisoners classified as Political Prisoners.

(*b*) Twenty persons are detained under the Restriction and Detention Act—Act XVIII of 1119, seven have been convicted under the Travancore Emergency Powers Act—Act I of 1122.

(*c*) Yes.

MISS ANNIE MASCARENE: Are there any political prisoners in lock-ups?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: No; no convicted persons.

MR. DANIEL JOSE (*Neyyattinkara III—S. I. U. C. Reserved*): May I know why prisoners are not classified as political prisoners?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: There is no classification as Political prisoners.

Expenses at the camp of Government Officers.

196. MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Thiruvella IV—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Judiciary be pleased to state:

Whether Government are aware that an unwholesome practice of the officers and their staff, of the respective places where officers of State' such as High Court Judges, Peishkars etc., camp on inspection work, meeting the expenses of such officers of State and their staff is in existence? Whether measures will be immediately taken to stop that practice?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: No.

The latter part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the former part.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു ചോദ്യം ഇവിടെ വന്നതു കൊണ്ടു് സർക്കാരുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പരിശോധനാർത്ഥം ക്യാമ്പു ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അവരുടെ സ്റ്റാഫിന്റെയും ചെലവുകൾ അതായതു സ്ഥലത്തെ ആഫീസുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും സിൽബന്ധികളും വഹിച്ചുവരുന്ന ഒരു പതിവുണ്ടോ എന്നു അന്വേഷിക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റു തയാറാകുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: അന്വേഷിച്ചു, അങ്ങനെ പതിവില്ല.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: അന്വേഷിച്ചതിന്റെ ശേഷമാണോ ഈ മറുപടി തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI: അതെ.

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